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WALK-IN REGISTRATION STILL AVAILABLE FOR NORTH IDAHO WIND POWER FORUMS

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Walk-in registration is still available for people who want to attend either of two special wind power development forums being held by State energy specialists next week in Coeur d'Alene and Lewiston, officials with the Idaho Energy Division advised today.

Pre-registration for the two forums officially ended today and demand for registration has been brisk. That's not unusual given the strong interest in wind power development Energy managers are seeing across the state. Forums held in southern Idaho resulted in standing room only participation.

The forums will be held May 22 at the Coeur d'Alene Inn and on May 23 at the Lewiston Red Lion Inn. Both forums begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. and will last until 2:30 p.m. Walk-in registration for the forums will cost \$35.

The forums will feature special informational panels on both large scale and medium/small scale wind power development. Maps will also be available showing areas with potential for wind power development. Wind power experts, including representatives from wind power development companies, will take part in the forums.

"If people have ever been interested in wind power development, either large or small scale, these forums are the place to get all their questions answered," said Gerry Galinato, who manages the wind power program for the Idaho Energy Division.

For more information, contact Barbara White at the Idaho Energy Division, (208) 327-7960. Or visit the Idaho Wind Power web site at **www.idwr.state.id.us/energy/wind.**

The forums will be held in facilities meeting accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need assistance to attend, participate in or understand the forums please contact Ms. White in advance so arrangements can be made.